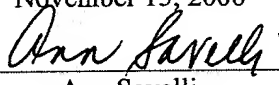


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph after the Title:

This is a divisional of co-pending USSN 08/199,268 filed 2/28/94 which is a 371 of PCT/US92/07986 filed 09/18/92 which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/762,292 filed 09/19/91 (abandoned), the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-24 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following claims:

25. (NEW) A composition comprising  $F(ab')_2$  which is:

- (a) entirely free of  $F(ab')_2$  having hinge region intrachain disulfide bonds;
- (b) entirely free of contaminating arsenite; and
- (c) entirely homogenous as to the heavy chain C-terminal amino acid residue.

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